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By Geo. Howard,

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Advertisements not exceeding 16 lines will be inserted at 50 cents the first insertion, and 25 cents each continuance. Longer ones at that rate for every 16 lines.

Letters addressed to the Editor must be post paid.

James Simmons, Esq. postmaster at Halifax, is our general agent for that vicinity.

Notice.

THE Subscriber has about 500 barrels of CORN, for sale low for Cash. He also continues to keep a general supply of Prizes, in the different Lotteries.

JAS. SIMMONS,

No. 98, corner of King & Shop street, Halifax, 16th Jan. 1827. 22

Notice.

WAS stolen out of the house of the Subscriber, some time in December last, a double eased

SILVER WATCH.

Made by J. Williams, London, No. 4015—the outer case is rather large for the inner case, and much thicker. **FIVE DOLLARS** reward will be given for such information as will lead to the recovery of it by

Joseph Barrington.

Tarborough, Oct. 19, 1826. 11

Notice.

ALL those indebted to the Subscriber, are earnestly requested to call immediately, and have their accounts closed by note or otherwise. Those whose accounts are of more than one year's standing, are desired to call before the first of February next, or they will find their accounts in the hand of an officer, as longer indulgence cannot be given.

D. SNEIDER.

Halifax, Jan 3, 1827.

Cabinet-making, Turning, &c.

THE Subscriber having erected a complete workshop for the above business in all its various branches, respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he is now prepared to execute any work in his line that he may receive orders for, viz:

Sideboards, China presses, secretaries, book-cases, bureaux, tables, wash-stands, candle-stands, gentlemen's and ladies' wardrobes, ladies' and gentlemen's cabinets, cylinder-fall desks, portable and common do. and bedsteads of all descriptions.

The work in general will be well executed, and of good materials.

ALSO, THE

TURNING BUSINESS,

Will be carried on in all its branches, viz: Wood, iron, brass, ivory, &c. Carpenters who may want turning done, can be accommodated, with the turning of columns, newel posts, balusters, drops, corner blocks, rosettes, &c.

The above work will be executed as cheap as the times will admit of, and in as short time as it can be done.

LEWIS LAYSSARD.

Halifax, Sept. 1826. 5



With an elegant Engraving, Printed in a neat and approved manner, and on moderate terms, at this Office. Jan. 1, 1827.

PROPOSALS FOR PUBLISHING

A Semi-Weekly Paper,

At the Office of the Star and North-Carolina State Gazette.

THE object of the Editors in publishing a semi-weekly paper, must at once arrest the attention of a discerning public. The prosperity of our happy country, and the maintenance, in their original purity, of our civil and religious institutions, are not secondary considerations with any truly republican American citizen. As these are based on the public will and regulated by the public voice, "that will and that voice to be righteous must be enlightened."

The rapid advancement of this country in every branch of national prosperity—in the increase of her population, the extension of her commerce, the improvement of her system of agriculture, and the cultivation of the arts and sciences, is the source of proud exultation to every American bosom. But the North-Carolinian must go farther; the improvement of his own State, her rising importance in the national scale, is a subject of just congratulation, and calls upon her sons to redouble their exertions to advance her prosperity and happiness. The Editors believe that to attain these desirable objects nothing can contribute in a greater degree than the frequent and extensive circulation of a well conducted newspaper; for, although our academies and colleges afford ample means of acquiring a competent knowledge of the first principles of education; yet none will pretend to deny that it is from newspapers alone that information relative to passing events, is to be obtained. As the world grows older, events multiply upon us; and they have already accumulated to such an extent as to render it impracticable to give even a summary of all that is interesting in a weekly paper.

In order, therefore, to facilitate the promulgation of useful knowledge, the Editors have determined, should it meet public approbation, to commence, as early as practicable, the publication of a paper twice a week; and as all the papers in this State, with the exception of one only, are printed but once a week, they calculate, with some degree of certainty, on success.

The advantages to be derived from such a publication will readily be estimated by our enlightened and discerning fellow-citizens. It will be the means of giving earlier intelligence of every important circumstance, foreign and domestic; of presenting a more general view of things at home and things abroad; of enabling us to devote more of our paper to the interests of the farmer; of giving a more detailed and satisfactory account of our legislative and congressional proceedings; and, in short, of publishing a greater variety of matter, thereby affording our columns the advantage of suiting the taste of every class of readers.

The attention of the citizens of the State, and our old friends and patrons particularly, is respectfully invited to this subject. Our project must stand or fall on the extension or withholding of their patronage.

TERMS.

The semi-weekly Star will be issued as soon as the subscription list will justify it, and be published every Tuesday and Friday, at five dollars per annum.

Advertisements will be inserted on the same terms as in the weekly paper.

There will be no alteration in the weekly paper, except the contemplated enlargement. It will continue, as usual, to be published once a week, at three dollars per annum.

Those of our old subscribers who may prefer the semi-weekly paper, will please to advise us of it as soon as possible.

A. J. LAWRENCE,
THOS. J. LEMAY.

Raleigh, Jan. 13, 1827.

Notice.

ON the third Monday in February next, at the Court-House in Halifax Town, I shall proceed to sell, by an order of Court,

10 or 12 likely **YOUNG NEGROES**, Consisting of Boys, Girls, Women and Children—belonging to the estate of Dempsey Pittman, dec'd. Terms are, Cash only.

JAMES J. PITTMAN, Ex'r
of D. Pittman, dec'd.
Jan. 15th, 1827. 23

Notice.

THE Subscriber very respectfully takes the liberty to inform the inhabitants of Edgecombe, and the adjacent counties, that he has commenced the

GIG-MAKING BUSINESS,

IN TARBOROUGH,

On the Street leading from Main-Street to the Academy. He pledges himself to pay every attention to his business, and to have his work executed in a manner in point of elegance and utility inferior to none in the State. He has it in contemplation shortly to obtain his materials direct from the Northern cities, which will enable him to sell his work lower than it has been latterly sold for in this place.

Repairing of every description, in wood or iron work,

Will be attended to with the utmost punctuality and despatch.

ALLEN I. KNIGHT.

He would likewise inform the Public, that the Blacksmith he has got has been regularly bred to the

Horse-Shoeing Business,

And is supposed to be a first-rate hand at that work—likewise at plantation work.

A. I. K.

Tarborough, Feb. 6, 1827. 25

Dr. M. A. Willcox,

HAS located himself at the residence of his father, (L. Willcox,) in Halifax County, and will attend to the duties of his profession, viz:

The Practice of Medicine, &c.

The utmost attention will be paid to professional calls, which with moderate charges, he trusts will insure a portion of public patronage.

Halifax County, Feb. 6, 1827.

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"Who steals my purse steals trash—'tis something—noting;
'Twas mine, 'tis his, and has been slave to thousands;

But he that filches from me my good name,
Robs me of that which not enriches him,
And makes me poor indeed."—Shakespeare.

When a person's character is assailed, an apology for intruding upon the Public would be deemed superfluous. On my return from Petersburg, a few days ago, I was surprised and mortified to learn, that a report was in circulation that I had run away, in consequence of debt, which report I view as a vile aspersion; I have however returned, and can give my creditors every assurance of speedy liquidation if not entire discharge. It is easy to propagate falsehood, but requires some ingenuity and foresight to become an adept—for were I despicable enough to indulge a wish to defraud my creditors, there would be no necessity (if I understand the Act of Assembly) for absconding. As a descendant of respectable ancestry, I trust I have inherited their principles of honesty, and hope to die as I have lived, an honest man, in despite of the ran our and malignity of those vile traducers of my character.

M. A. WILLCOX.

Feb. 6, 1827. 25

Blank Warrants for sale.

Cash Wanted.

THE Subscriber is anxious to pay his debts, and if possible to raise a sum sufficient to enable him to renew his Stock of materials—therefore, he requests those indebted to him to make payment

On or before the 15th March next,

As longer indulgence cannot, nor will not be given. He intends leaving this for the North about that time—those who do not avail themselves of this notice, may expect to find their notes and accounts in the hands of an Officer for collection.

SAM'L STILMAN.

Tarborough, Feb. 8, 1827. 25-3

Notice.

IS hereby given, to all whom it may concern—all persons indebted to the Subscriber, on

Old Judgments and former Taxes, Will do well, (if they wish to save cost,) to come forward, on or before February Court next, pay the money or give their notes for the same.

SAM'L H. JENKINS.

Edgecombe County, Feb. 6, 1827. 25

Stop the Villain!

A YOUNG man by the name of GEORGE WIMBER, came to my house on Tuesday, the 30th ult. and

BORROWED MY HORSE,

To ride about one mile, and has eloped with him. Wimber is about 21 years of age, dark skin with black hair; his eye-brows extend entirely across his nose, he is parrot-toed, and will weigh about 135 pounds. The Horse is a bright sorrel, about seven years old, with a blaze face. I will give **Fifteen Dollars** Reward to any person who will secure said Horse, so that I get him again.

DREW KING.

Tarborough, 3d Feb. 1827. 25

Fifty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the Subscriber, ten miles east of Tarborough, sometime in October last, Negro **TIM**—he is well set, his complexion a dark yellow. I will give the above reward if said fellow is delivered to me, or secured in any jail in this State—or **Twenty-Five Dollars** if secured in any jail out of the State, so that I get him again. All persons are hereby forbid harboring, employing, or carrying off said negro, under the penalty of the law.

BYTHAL STATON, Jr.

Edgecombe County, Feb. 6, 1827. 25

Com. Porter.—By an arrival at Charleston from Matanzas, we learn that Com. Porter has got himself in a situation not much more desirable than that he found himself in at Valparaiso, during the late war. It appears that had been cruising with his Mexican squadron, between Havana and Matanzas for some days, at the close of the last, and beginning of the present year: but information reached Cuba, that he had been chased into Key West, and was blockaded there by the Spanish Commander Laborde, whose squadron had been so much strengthened, as to render it imprudent for Com. Porter to hazard an action. The Constellation sailed from Havana for Key West, to prevent any violation of the neutrality of the United States.